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SUBJ: WESTERN MILITARY MISSIONS IN BERLIN

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FRENCH AND BRITISH COUNSELORS AND POLCOUNS TOGETHER
CALLED ON EXTAFF ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY GOLDSCHLAG
APRIL 27 TO PRESENT DEMARCHE CONTAINED PARA 6 REF (B).
GOLDSCHLAG STATED CANADA HAS NO INTENTION OF CLOSING
DOWN ITS MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN. HAVING CLOSED
DOWN SOME TIME AGO, CANADA HAD RE-OPENED IN 1973 FOR
REASONS IDENTICAL TO ARGUMENTATION CONTAINED IN PRESENT
ALLIED DEMARCHE. HE NOTED THAT CANADIAN MISSION
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NOW CONSISTS OF TWO CANADIAN OFFICERS, ONE FROM

EXTAFF AND THE OTHER AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER, PLUS
FOUR LOCALS. UNDER PRESSURES OF CURRENT BUDGET
REDUCTION IMPOSED ON EXTAFF, AND ALSO BECAUSE
IMMIGRATION BUSINESS HAS DROPPED OFF, THE IMMIGRATION
OFFICER WOULD BE RETURNING TO CANADA IN ABOUT TWO
MONTHS. THIS WAS SUI GENERIS DECISION, HOWEVER, AND
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INTERPRETED AS
STEP TOWARD CLOSING MISSION. MISSION WILL REMAIN,
AND INDEED MAY IN A YEAR OR TWO BE AUGMENTED BY
ADDITION OF INFORMATION OFFICER. GOLDSCHLAG AIDE
INDICATED THAT SOME THOUGHT ALSO BEING GIVEN TO
ACCREDITING AN OFFICER IN BONN TO MILITARY MISSION IN
BERLIN TO GO THERE FOR TDY ASSISTANCE TO MISSION CHIEF.
ALSO EXTAFF HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONVINCE MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY TRADE AND COMMERCE OF DESIRABILITY OF ASSIGNING
ONE OF ITS OFFICERS TO THE BERLIN MISSION. GOLDSCHLAG
CONCLUDED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, ALLIES COULD BE CERTAIN
THAT MAPLE LEAF FLAG WILL CONTINUE TO FLY IN BERLIN.
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